

**ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL HEARING  
MINUTES**

**April 9, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

**9th Floor, RSA Union Building  
Montgomery, Alabama**

The Alabama Ethics Commission conducting a special hearing on April 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room on the 9th Floor of the RSA Union Building.

**Special Panel Present:**

Honorable Johnny Hardwick, Presiding Judge 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Chair

Honorable Debra Jones, Circuit Judge 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Member

Honorable Bill Lewis, Circuit Judge 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Member

**Alabama Ethics Commission Attendee:**

Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director

Cynthia Propst Raulston, General Counsel

Brian Paterson, Assistant General Counsel

R. Christopher Clark, Chief Special Agent

Byron Butler, Senior Special Agent

Elizabeth Robison, Director of Finance and Administration

April Innes, Administrative Support Assistant II

Austin Gilmore, Administrative Support Assistant I

Mary Johnson, Legal Research Assistant

**Other Attendee:**

Victoria Costello, Court Reporter

Judge Hardwick called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and introduced Judge Jones and Judge Lewis.

*At 10:15 a.m. Judge Hardwick explained the procedures and stated as a special panel they were present to hear presentations from the Ethics Commission and any witnesses to determine probable cause that the Ethics Act was violated. Judge Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session. Judge Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the voting panel members.*

*At 2:28 p.m. Judge Lewis moved to go back into Open Session. Judge Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the voting panel members.*

**Case No. 2020-0326**

*Judge Lewis made the motion to continue Case No. 2020-326 to May 21, 2021. Judge Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to reconvene on May 21, 2021 at 10:00 am.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business at 2:30 p.m., Judge Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Judge Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

The next scheduled special hearing meeting is May 21, 2021.



Honorable Johnny Hardwick, Chair



Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director



Mary Johnson, Recording Secretary